

Hi FCC. In short, I'm a musician/marketing coordinator/homeowner/taxpayer. I'm on the internet regularly and often, as it is part of my job as well as my hobby.

I live, work, and play in rural Southern New Hampshire. It is very beautiful here, so I take a lot of pictures.

In 2005 I won the Worcester Phoenix's award for "Best Folk Act".

I had a website for 4 years (2005-2009) in which I posted songs for friends to download. Nothing fancy, just songs. I didn't ask anything for it (unless, of course, they came to shows) because my intention was to make it available to people who wanted to hear it. I also made available songs by the various bands that I've been in, and other musical projects. Fun stuff. I know that it made at least one person happy.

Currently I play live with a band called Moving Pictures and a free jazz outfit called Sisters and Brothers. Admittedly, it's not music for everyone, but at its very core it's a sharing of ideas. I do it because I love it, and there are people out there who - for whatever reason - want to hear it.

Relatively speaking, I am lucky to have a high speed internet option where I live and work. A town about a half an hour from here lost their *only *dial-up *provider, and now have to choose between satellite or nothing.

I had Comcast, Verizon, and Time Warner to choose from. I do not have a land line or a TV, so my options were limited (in the eyes of the providers) as far as "good deal consolidation packages". I chose Time Warner's "Roadrunner" package, so that I could have a cable connection and WiFi for my laptop. When purchasing this plan in 2008, I hadn't had internet access since 2006 or so. The only access I had was the free WiFi in downtown areas and rest stops. It worked out well, because WiFi is generally fast, and often I would use it to work remotely. Oh, and at work.

I was hesitant to get the internet at home, but I've been generally pleased with my decision. (I'm sure my bosses are too.) So far the only thing that I haven't liked about the ISP I chose is that I didn't receive half of the rebate I submitted. But that has little to do with the topic at hand.

The biggest benefit of the internet may be that it is the last place where we are all equal.

Regarding music, music making, and music sharing (and of course, when I refer to "music sharing" it is in the context of sharing one's original work, not the latest Jay-Z album, etc), the internet is the grand connection. Almost literally, all of my close friends are musicians. We've booked tours, met other bands, played in exotic locales (hellllo Long Island, NY)... we've listened to music that inspires

what we do, and in turn, went out in to the world to try and inspire other people. We are able to do this because we can find, contact, and interact with people in different places. They can hear what we sound like, and we can hear them. Such a simple thing, but what an impact!

The challenges being that there are people who would rather be inspired at home on their computers, instead of going out in to the world. There are people who steal information, write generally misinformed and inflammatory articles, and generally use the internet for malicious acts. Most of these malicious acts revolve around money, and elbowing in on net neutrality is no exception.

The internet is growing up - it was adorable when it was a baby, but it seems to be in its "terrible twos" (challenging) lately. It needs to be nurtured, not clamped down on. Putting something that is used by so many, in to the few hands of those who can afford it is a recipe for corruption and really boring music.

I'm unsure as to how the FCC should deal with filesharing. I don't believe in prison, and I certainly don't believe in sending kids to prison for using "napster" or whatever.

It seems to me that, in any case, ISP's should keep their noses out of it. The reason being that these are for-profit companies. If there is a serious problem, then a neutral third party should be brought in.

My band's work is being licensed under Creative Commons. The short of it is that people are allowed to share my band's music, but that if anybody uses it in a commercial sense, they've got to go through us. I know that not all bands think that kids should listen for free (I'm looking at you, Lars Ulrich), but I believe that to be shortsighted. I think it's reasonable to assume that most, if not all, musicians have been the recipient or creator of a mix-tape or two - this is what turns people on to new and exciting stuff. Then they like it and they want to buy the album. Of course there are bad apples, but turning all of the apples over to attack dogs is hardly a solution.

I look at the internet as a luxury. I'm more concerned with the government fixing the housing problem rather than providing everyone with fast internet. It's hard to use the internet if you don't have a place to live.

YES absolutely - net neutrality should be across the board. I didn't even consider wireless as a "separate" internet (until now).

I understand that Verizon and AT&T (for example) want to cash in on every little facet of their stockholder's investment, but sometimes you've got to change your projections.

Protecting the freedom of speech should always be a goal in every proceeding the FCC is involved

with. There are filters for individual computers that can be applied for their appropriate situations - it is not an ISP or wireless provider's job to control what we see. SERVICE PROVIDER. Their job description is in their name. They are not "Internet Content Supervisors". They are Internet Service Providers.

Though, if we are only forced to see the boring milk-toast that a group of suits deem "appropriate" for the masses, maybe everyone will go back to reading books. That wouldn't be such a bad thing.

Honestly, if there is a filter on what I can and cannot see in a reasonable amount of time, I'm likely to cancel my internet service all together. Not to be spiteful, but because the internet will have little to offer me anymore.

I commend the FCC for actually asking us "folks out there in radio land" really want. It gives me pride and hope that maybe, just maybe, our government is still listening a little bit. No pun intended.

Kind Regards,
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